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IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. WITHOUT BENEFIT FACTS BEHIND IDEN B'S REASONING WHICH LED TO DECISION PARA 1, REF MSG. LING FEELS OBLIGATED PRESENT ITS VIEWS FROM KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION: IF CORRECT, WOULD BE OF IMPORTANCE TO ODYOKE'S POSITION VIZ CURRENT COMMUNIST PROBLEM:

A. BELIEVE COMMUNISTS WILL PROCEED TO EXPOSE ITS CASE AGAINST INTERVENTION WHETHER ODYOKE MAKES ANY FURTHER CHARGES OR NOT. FAILURE TO RESPOND OR MAKE INITIAL ATTACK COULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN EYES OF WORLD AND RESULT IN DISCREDITING ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN HERETOFORE. NOTE FBIS DATED 7 MARCH, REUTERS TO SINGAPORE, HELLSCHREIBER FROM CARACAS.

B. FROM PUBLIC VIEWPOINT ODYOKE HAS ALREADY BRANDED VIS-BURNT AND COMMUNISTS HAVE INDICATED ISSUE WAS DRAWN BEFORE OAS CONVENED. THEREFORE FAILURE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH SUBSTANTIATION REFUTES ODYOKE'S POSITION AND STRENGTHENS COMMUNIST CHARGES.

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C. REF PLAN MERELY MODIFIES BOGOTA RESOLUTION AND POSTPONES INEVITABLE SHOWDOWN. THIS APPROACH COUPLED WITH ~~A~~ COULD BE CONSTRUED AS WEAKNESS WHICH MOST CERTAINLY THE COMMUNISTS WILL EXPLOIT FULLY.

D. PARA 3 REF MSG FIRST SENTENCE APPEARS OUT OF CONTEXT WITH NSC DECISION TO EMPLOY COVERT MEANS TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE AND PRESUPPOSES THAT "PRESENTATION OF CASE" TO OAS PREDOMINATES ISSUE. UNDERSTANDING LINC IS THAT OAS WAS TO BE PLATFORM FOR PRESENTING ODYOKE CASE AGAINST WSBURNT TO ENLIST MORAL SUPPORT OTHER COUNTRIES AND PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION COVERT ACTION.

E. CONCERN OVER FUTURE COMPROMISES OF COVERT ACTION WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE "OUR PRESENTATION" APPEARS TO BE THE PRESENT ISSUE WHEREAS COMMUNISTS NOW POSSESS SUBSTANTIAL DATA, WHETHER TRUE OR NOT IS IRREVALENT TO COMMUNISTS. THIS HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO PREJUDICE OUR POSITION UNLESS FACED DOWN AS IN GERM WARFARE CASE WHICH ALTHOUGH WHOLLY FALSE HAD TO BE MET.

F. CONCERN OVER CURRENT COVERT OPERATIONS IS NOT CLEAR. IF MEANT FINAL ATTACK DATE THEN LINC COULD APPRECIATE CONCERN. IF HOWEVER ALL REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS WERE INTENDED THEN SERIOUS QUESTIONS ARE RAISED. PBSUCCESS CURRENTLY EMPLOYING MAXIMUM SECURITY POSSIBLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES BUT THERE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN INHERENT RISKS WHICH LINC PRESUMED HAD BEEN CALCULATED AND ACCEPTED AT BEGINNING AS FAR BACK AS NSC. VIEW

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KNOWN WSBURNT KNOWLEDGE OF PBFORTUNE AND SEEKFORD CASE AND POSSIBLY OF CURRENT OPERATIONS. WHETHER STOPPED OR NOT "THE HORSE HAS BEEN STOLEN". THEREFORE LOCKING THE DOOR DOES NOT RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

G. BELIEVE PERTINENT TO POINT OUT THAT UNLESS ALL PBSUCCESS ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLETELY SUSPENDED IN NEXT 2 OR 3 MONTHS THE SITUATION WOULD UNDOUBLEDLY BE IMMEASURABLY MORE SERIOUS AS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BE IN READINESS WITHOUT COMMUNISTS HAVING GREATER AWARENESS OF REAL THREAT THAN AT PRESENT. THUS MUST RECOGNIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF LATER OAS MSG.

H. LING FIRMLY BELIEVES ANY SUSPENSION CURRENT OPERATIONS WOULD SERIOUSLY IMPAIR POSSIBILITIES OF ULTIMATE SUCCESS. FORCES HAVE BEEN SET IN MOTION, MORAL COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ATTAIN EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE OF READINESS, WHICH ALTHOUGH NOT IRREVOCABLE THUS FAR IS CLOSE TO SUCH STATUS. ONCE ARMS REACH FOREWARD AREAS ANY ATTEMPT TO DELAY FOR DIPLOMATIC REASONS MIGHT WELL RESULT IN UNILATERAL ACTION. ANY UNREASONABLE EXPLANATION IN EYES OF SYNCARP FOR DELAY MIGHT ALSO RESULT IN PRECIPITATING UNFORTUNATE ABORTIVE ACTION. LING BELIEVES TIME RUNNING OUT FAST FOR EFFECTIVE COVERT ACTION.

2. WITHOUT INTENDING TO BE PRESUMPTIVE LING SUGGESTS FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION AT OAS.

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A. IN ANTICIPATION THAT REF PLAN WILL PRECIPITATE COMMUNIST DENIAL AND COUNTERATTACK, BELIEVE ODYOKE SHOULD PRESENT RESOLUTION SUBSTANTIALLY AS STATED (PARA 2 REF MSG.)

B. FOLLOW ABOVE RESOLUTION WITH FACTUAL STATEMENTS INDICATING EXISTENCE SUCH A THREAT IN WSBURNT: DRAWING PARALLEL SIMILAR STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER SATELLITE COUNTRIES, DESCRIBING AS A CANCEROUS GROWTH IN WH FAMILY OF NATIONS WHICH MUST BE RECOGNIZED AND DEALT WITH EARLIEST.

C. PRESENT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION OF NUETRAL MEMBERS TO MEET 15 JUNE 54 TO STUDY THE EXTENT OF THE DANGER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO OAS FOR POSSIBLE COURSES CORRECTIVE ACTION.

3. ABOVE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO THE ISSUE, ALLOWING THE WORLD TO JUDGE AND PLACING COMMUNIST CHARGES IN FOCUS WITH ALL THE OTHER BIG LIES THEY HAVE PROPAGATED. THIS WOULD BE A BID FOR MORAL SUPPORT MEANWHILE PLACING CONFIDENCE IN PBSUCCESS, THE REVOLT WOULD BE STAGED PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMISSIONS WORK.

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